

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	FY 2009 EXPENDITURE	FY 2010 APPROPRIATION	FY 2011 REQUEST	GOVERNOR RECOMMENDS FY 2011
Department Operations	\$ 5,178,394	\$ 5,596,697	\$ 5,596,697	\$ 5,363,538
Division of Energy	12,268,710	9,434,994	10,976,229	10,976,229
Environmental Programs	276,715,979	229,753,778	226,592,394	225,826,011
Division of Geology and Land Survey	3,058,162	3,613,485	3,613,485	3,613,485
Division of State Parks	33,860,484	38,765,095	35,920,662	35,920,662
Historic Preservation	2,054,536	4,319,662	4,319,662	3,122,162
Agency-Wide Implementation	24,572,839	26,374,654	26,156,154	26,192,863
Environmental Improvement and Energy Resources Authority	0	1	1	1
DEPARTMENTAL TOTAL	\$ 357,709,104	\$ 317,858,366	\$ 313,175,284	\$ 311,014,951
General Revenue Fund	13,012,877	12,053,568	11,933,303	9,772,970
Federal Budget Stabilization Fund	0	730,364	0	0
Federal Funds	34,242,849	42,629,014	44,426,749	44,426,749
Other Funds	310,453,378	262,445,420	256,815,232	256,815,232
Total Full-time Equivalent Employees	1,805.94	1,795.56	1,795.56	1,782.06
General Revenue Fund	166.82	146.54	146.54	133.04
Federal Funds	356.64	377.38	414.80	414.80
Other Funds	1,282.48	1,271.64	1,234.22	1,234.22

DEPARTMENT SUMMARY

The Fiscal Year 2011 budget provides \$311 million for the Department of Natural Resources. The department preserves, protects, and enhances Missouri's natural, cultural, and energy resources. The core functions provided by the Department of Natural Resources include:

- Managing Missouri's state parks and cultural and historical resources.
- Protecting Missouri's water resources by enforcing state and federal environmental laws.
- Overseeing environmental programs that improve air quality and safely manage hazardous and solid waste.
- Helping landowners conserve fertile topsoil.
- Investigating the state's geology to determine the character and availability of the state's natural resources.
- Providing centralized assistance on environmental regulation and energy efficiency measures for farmers, builders, and local governments.

**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS**

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	FY 2009 EXPENDITURE	FY 2010 APPROPRIATION	GOVERNOR RECOMMENDS FY 2011
Department Operations TOTAL	\$ 5,178,394	\$ 5,596,697	\$ 5,363,538
PERSONAL SERVICE			
General Revenue Fund	660,447	531,105	297,946
Federal Funds	1,010,747	1,196,851	1,621,404
Other Funds	2,507,509	2,581,743	2,157,190
EXPENSE AND EQUIPMENT			
General Revenue Fund	144,209	148,669	148,669
Federal Funds	14,817	332,112	413,142
Other Funds	840,665	806,217	725,187
TOTAL			
General Revenue Fund	804,656	679,774	446,615
Federal Funds	1,025,564	1,528,963	2,034,546
Other Funds	3,348,174	3,387,960	2,882,377
Total Full-time Equivalent Employees	88.77	92.19	87.19
General Revenue Fund	14.04	14.50	9.50
Federal Funds	21.41	21.46	34.35
Other Funds	53.32	56.23	43.34

Department Operations is responsible for the development of statewide environmental and natural resource policies. Department Operations seeks to improve efficiency, drives customer-focused initiatives, ensures public participation in decision making, and attains results positively affecting the quality of water, air, land, energy, and recreational and cultural resources. Department Operations includes the Office of the Director, which handles department policy and legal work, and provides communications and administrative support. The Office of the Director manages the department's divisions, as well as the Water Resources Center, and the Soil and Water Conservation Program. The office represents Missouri before several regional and national organizations and agencies, including the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and a regional river basin association. Also a part of Department Operations, the Division of Administrative Support handles budget development, financial resource allocations, accounting, internal auditing, human resources, procurement, grants management, and general services.

Fiscal Year 2011 Governor's Recommendations

- (\$233,159) and (five) staff core reduction from the Fiscal Year 2010 appropriation level.

**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF ENERGY**

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	FY 2009 EXPENDITURE	FY 2010 APPROPRIATION	GOVERNOR RECOMMENDS FY 2011
Division of Energy Operations	\$ 1,183,743	\$ 1,364,573	\$ 2,687,308
Division of Energy Services	<u>11,084,967</u>	<u>8,070,421</u>	<u>8,288,921</u>
TOTAL	\$ 12,268,710	\$ 9,434,994	\$ 10,976,229
PERSONAL SERVICE			
Federal Funds	658,889	743,076	1,921,419
Other Funds	370,069	400,692	404,828
EXPENSE AND EQUIPMENT			
Federal Funds	188,632	130,458	270,714
Other Funds	52,734	179,048	385,548
PROGRAM SPECIFIC DISTRIBUTION			
Federal Funds	7,310,116	2,763,273	2,763,273
Other Funds	3,688,270	5,218,447	5,230,447
TOTAL			
Federal Funds	8,157,637	3,636,807	4,955,406
Other Funds	4,111,073	5,798,187	6,020,823
Total Full-time Equivalent Employees	21.94	24.00	48.00
Federal Funds	14.18	15.69	39.59
Other Funds	7.76	8.31	8.41

To foster and protect the state's environment, resources, and economic prosperity, the Division of Energy helps Missourians produce and use energy wisely, efficiently, and renewably.

Fiscal Year 2011 Governor's Recommendations

- \$1,322,735 federal funds and 24 staff to provide additional support for the division.
- \$218,500 federal and other funds reallocated from various programs.

**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS**

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	FY 2009 EXPENDITURE	FY 2010 APPROPRIATION	GOVERNOR RECOMMENDS FY 2011
Environmental Quality	\$ 25,210,194	\$ 27,324,103	\$ 46,445,250
Field Services	16,312,445	17,606,027	0
Inspection/Maintenance	938,990	1,332,416	0
Water Resources	2,475,680	3,258,487	3,710,833
Soil and Water Conservation	39,687,668	44,934,285	41,488,831
Environmental Financial Support	192,091,002	135,298,460	134,181,097
TOTAL	\$ 276,715,979	\$ 229,753,778	\$ 225,826,011
PERSONAL SERVICE			
General Revenue Fund	5,440,363	5,336,842	5,059,537
Federal Funds	12,131,801	13,169,573	13,094,328
Other Funds	18,240,474	18,260,293	19,649,448
EXPENSE AND EQUIPMENT			
General Revenue Fund	3,802,060	3,194,068	2,584,725
Federal Funds	5,084,633	8,706,773	8,646,927
Other Funds	8,570,556	11,146,095	10,736,730
PROGRAM SPECIFIC DISTRIBUTION			
General Revenue Fund	688,575	1,509	1,509
Federal Funds	4,481,270	12,111,141	11,380,777
Other Funds	218,276,247	157,827,484	154,672,030
TOTAL			
General Revenue Fund	9,930,998	8,532,419	7,645,771
Federal Funds	21,697,704	33,987,487	33,122,032
Other Funds	245,087,277	187,233,872	185,058,208
Total Full-time Equivalent Employees	864.49	859.46	881.96
General Revenue Fund	135.88	117.74	109.24
Federal Funds	293.93	310.69	309.32
Other Funds	434.68	431.03	463.40

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Water Protection Program – The division's Water Protection Program includes three branches—the Water Pollution Control Branch, the Drinking Water Branch, and the Financial Assistance Center. The Water Pollution Control Branch protects the quality of Missouri's groundwater, streams, and lakes, safeguarding these vital resources. This enhances agricultural production, forestry, fisheries, water-intensive manufacturing, water recreation, tourism, hunting, and fishing and ensures water is safe for human and animal consumption. The Public Drinking Water Branch ensures that all public drinking water systems provide clean and healthy drinking water for Missouri's citizens by ensuring that public water system construction and operation comply with the requirements of the federal Safe Drinking Water Act. The program oversees the proper construction of all wells, including water, oil and gas, exploration, heat pumps, and monitoring. The program also trains and certifies operators at Missouri's water supply and water treatment plants. The Financial Assistance Center administers the federal Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund programs that provide low-interest loans and grants to Missouri communities for the construction of new, and the improvement of existing drinking water supply, wastewater treatment, and stormwater management systems.

Air Pollution Control Program – The Air Pollution Control Program (APCP) staff support the Air Conservation Commission, which develops policies to maintain and enhance the state's air quality for the protection of the public's health. Operating under the Clean Air Act's State Implementation Plans and Rules, the APCP reviews facility construction and operation permits to help ensure ambient air quality. Working with the department's regional office staff, the APCP identifies facilities that are not in compliance prior to pursuing any enforcement action. Collecting air quality and emission inventory data, the APCP provides benchmark data for Missouri air quality monitoring and planning. Through the state's vehicle emission inspection program, the APCP helps ensure that pollutant levels in the St. Louis area improve and meet federal health-based air standards. Staff also coordinate air pollution control activities with other programs in the division and local air pollution control agencies.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS

Hazardous Waste Program – State and federal law requires oversight of hazardous waste practices from the point of generation through final disposal to ensure the safe and legal handling of such materials. Together with required registration of hazardous waste generators, the program's manifest and quarterly reporting systems enable the program to identify the amount and types of waste generated, stored, containerized, transported off-site, and treated or otherwise disposed. The Hazardous Waste Program (HWP) also addresses abandoned or uncontrolled hazardous waste sites through preliminary assessments, site investigations, feasibility studies, remedial investigations, interim remedial measures, immediate removals, and long-term or final remedial actions. The HWP registers and regulates petroleum underground storage tanks; provides general and technical information concerning the installation, use, and closure of such systems; encourages compliance with underground storage tank law, regulations, and performance standards; and oversees corrective actions taken in response to leaks and other dangerously improper releases. In addition, the program provides oversight services for those who wish to voluntarily clean up contaminated properties, reviving them for productive use.

Solid Waste Management Program – The Solid Waste Management Program protects public health and the environment by requiring proper management of solid waste. The program encourages waste reduction, reuse, recycling, energy recovery, improved processing, and proper disposal. Implementing alternatives to the long-term storage of our waste will help to safeguard against landfill capacity shortages and will foster better use of our natural resources, including the otherwise productive land taken up to store our trash. Effectively regulating solid waste transportation, treatment, and storage through the implementation of solid waste management plans will help to minimize harmful land, water, and air pollution.

Land Reclamation Program – The Land Reclamation Program staff provide technical support for the Land Reclamation Commission. The commission regulates the surface mining of coal and other mineral commodities (such as barite, tar sands, clay, limestone, sand, and gravel) and provides for the reclamation of mined lands. Staff review mining and reclamation plans, issue permits that require security bonds to guarantee the reclamation of mined lands, and inspect sites to ensure reclamation performance. Program staff inventory and assess abandoned mined lands for health and pollution hazards to prioritize the reclamation of these abandoned areas.

Regional Offices – Regional Office activities support the implementation of the department's other environmental programs throughout the State of Missouri. Staff provide field inspections, compliance assistance, permit issuance, complaint investigations, and front-line troubleshooting, problem solving, and technical assistance on environmental issues and emergencies.

Environmental Services Program – the Environmental Services Program (ESP) supports the other programs in the department that need accurate scientific data for their work. The ESP performs field work, conducts monitoring, collects samples, and provides laboratory testing for environmental pollutants. The Environmental Emergency Response (EER) Section serves as the department's front line of defense to significant and imminent environmental emergencies and maintains a 24-hour EER Hotline.

Fiscal Year 2011 Governor's Recommendations

- \$870,786 federal funds and 16 staff to implement federal drinking water requirements.
- \$444,636 federal and other funds and eight staff to increase water pollution control project oversight and technical assistance.
- \$206,276 Solid Waste Management Fund-Scrap Tire Subaccount and three staff to enhance scrap tire disposal enforcement.
- \$17,714,245 and 325.17 staff reallocated from various program areas, including \$3,959,335 general revenue.
- (\$114,796) and (one) staff core reduction from the Fiscal Year 2010 appropriation level.

FIELD SERVICES

The Department of Natural Resources will merge the Field Services Division into the existing Division of Environmental Quality. This consolidation will generate savings through the elimination of 7.5 administrative positions and improve communication and coordination between statewide and regional environmental protection efforts.

Fiscal Year 2011 Governor's Recommendations

- Four staff reallocated from the Division of State Parks.
- (\$16,381,829) and (308.15) staff reallocated to the Division of Environmental Quality, including (\$3,959,335) general revenue.
- (\$554,428) and (four) staff reallocated to the Water Resources Center.
- (\$549,505) and (7.5) staff core reduction from the Fiscal Year 2010 appropriation level.
- (\$120,265) transferred to the Office of Administration for fringe benefits for new staff to manage the Missouri River water rights effort.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS

INSPECTION/MAINTENANCE

The Department of Natural Resources will merge the state's vehicle emission inspection program into the existing Division of Environmental Quality to improve communication and coordination between statewide and regional air pollution control efforts.

Fiscal Year 2011 Governor's Recommendations

- (\$1,332,416) Missouri Air Emission Reduction Fund and (17.02) staff reallocated to the Division of Environmental Quality.

WATER RESOURCES

To meet Missouri's comprehensive water needs, Water Resources hydrologists, geologists and other staff investigate and monitor surface water and groundwater resource characteristics, availability, and use. Program responsibilities include (1) operating a statewide groundwater aquifer-monitoring network with real-time water quantity data; (2) collecting and analyzing surface-water flow data to safeguard against flood and drought; (3) providing guidance and technical assistance for development of sustainable regional water supplies throughout Missouri; (4) administering the provisions of the Missouri Dam and Reservoir Safety Law through registration, construction permits, and inspections; and (5) defending the state's vital water interests in the Missouri River, the Mississippi River, and other interstate water resources, before federal and interstate water resource management authorities.

Fiscal Year 2011 Governor's Recommendations

- \$554,428 and four staff reallocated from the Field Services Division.
- (\$102,082) core reduction from the Fiscal Year 2010 appropriation level.

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION

The Soil and Water Conservation Program implements the policies of the Soil and Water Districts Commission to ensure the long-term productivity of Missouri's most basic resource, the soil. Department staff aid Missouri's local soil and water conservation districts and administer several soil conservation programs funded by one-half of the constitutionally authorized one-tenth of one percent dedicated sales tax. Soil and Water Sales Tax funded programs include (1) cost-sharing grants to help farmers implement approved soil conservation practices; (2) financial assistance for landowners for the purchase of approved conservation equipment; (3) grants to local districts for administrative expenses and technical assistance; (4) special incentives for intensive conservation measures in critical areas; and (5) grants for research on soil conservation problems.

Fiscal Year 2011 Governor's Recommendations

- (\$3,445,454) Soil and Water Sales Tax Fund core reduction from the Fiscal Year 2010 appropriation level.

ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The department administers a variety of funds for local governments and others to combat air pollution, clean up abandoned and uncontrolled hazardous waste sites, reclaim abandoned mine lands, monitor and test drinking water supplies, and construct or improve water and wastewater facilities.

Fiscal Year 2011 Governor's Recommendations

- (\$730,364) Federal Budget Stabilization Fund core reduction for one-time expenditures.
- (\$386,999) Solid Waste Management Fund-Scrap Tire Subaccount core reduction from the Fiscal Year 2010 appropriation level.

**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF GEOLOGY AND LAND SURVEY**

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	FY 2009 EXPENDITURE	FY 2010 APPROPRIATION	GOVERNOR RECOMMENDS FY 2011
Geology and Land Survey TOTAL	\$ 3,058,162	\$ 3,613,485	\$ 3,613,485
PERSONAL SERVICE			
General Revenue Fund	720,593	591,410	591,410
Federal Funds	583,090	650,916	700,916
Other Funds	1,176,579	1,442,927	1,392,927
EXPENSE AND EQUIPMENT			
General Revenue Fund	137,655	107,594	107,594
Federal Funds	133,896	371,045	371,045
Other Funds	306,349	449,593	449,593
TOTAL			
General Revenue Fund	858,248	699,004	699,004
Federal Funds	716,986	1,021,961	1,071,961
Other Funds	1,482,928	1,892,520	1,842,520
Total Full-time Equivalent Employees	63.01	67.75	67.75
General Revenue Fund	16.90	14.30	14.30
Federal Funds	14.06	15.16	16.16
Other Funds	32.05	38.29	37.29

Headquartered in Rolla, Missouri, the Division of Geology and Land Survey investigates the state's geology, providing geologic and hydrologic information and expertise to aid economic and environmental decision-making regarding site remediations, contaminant migration, subsurface investigations, and geologic hazards. The division also determines the character and availability of the state's water and mineral resources. The division is responsible for restoring and maintaining the U.S. Public Land Survey System in Missouri and serves as a repository for the state's land survey records. Division management represents the state through the Association of American State Geologists and the Central U.S. Earthquake Consortium.

Fiscal Year 2011 Governor's Recommendations

Continue funding at the current level.

**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF STATE PARKS**

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	FY 2009 EXPENDITURE	FY 2010 APPROPRIATION	GOVERNOR RECOMMENDS FY 2011
State Parks Operation TOTAL	\$ 33,860,484	\$ 38,765,095	\$ 35,920,662
PERSONAL SERVICE			
Federal Funds	120,210	108,055	151,399
Other Funds	22,323,497	23,297,190	20,757,457
EXPENSE AND EQUIPMENT			
Federal Funds	26,210	206,306	206,306
Other Funds	9,460,382	12,709,510	12,361,466
PROGRAM SPECIFIC DISTRIBUTION			
Federal Funds	1,830,185	2,324,034	2,324,034
Other Funds	100,000	120,000	120,000
TOTAL			
Federal Funds	1,976,605	2,638,395	2,681,739
Other Funds	31,883,879	36,126,700	33,238,923
Total Full-time Equivalent Employees	733.63	715.71	660.71
Federal Funds	2.33	3.77	4.77
Other Funds	731.30	711.94	655.94

The Division of State Parks manages the many recreational, cultural, and historical resources of the Missouri state parks system. The division also administers programs to promote outdoor recreation statewide.

Missouri's state parks system consists of 85 state parks and historic sites, as well as the Roger Pryor Pioneer Backcountry. The system is divided into five district offices, with each of the district headquarters reporting to the Central Office in Jefferson City. Administrative, maintenance, and service personnel manage the lands and improvements, provide recreational and educational programs for visitors, and provide necessary law enforcement. Funding provided by the constitutionally authorized one-tenth of one percent Parks and Soils Sales Tax has been used for projects such as campground remodeling; the addition of shower houses and restrooms; paving of roads within campgrounds; restoration of landscapes; and additional personnel for maintenance, education, and site interpretation. The Parks and Soils Sales Tax provides continued restoration and improvement of the state parks system and allows division staff to better serve the millions of people who visit parks and historic sites each year.

Central Office administration directs and coordinates the management of the state parks system. Responsibilities include personnel management, budget and policy development, and the evaluation of management procedures and performance. Central Office staff provide logistical support to the individual state parks, and operate the central sign shop, central warehouse, and aerial device unit. Staff also identify unique natural areas which may require protection; conduct special studies related to parks operations and development; and prepare site, architectural, and engineering plans and maps.

The division also assists the State Inter-Agency Council for Outdoor Recreation in the administration of grants that finance outdoor recreation projects.

Fiscal Year 2011 Governor's Recommendations

- (\$2,844,433) other funds and (51) staff core reduction from the Fiscal Year 2010 appropriation level, to reflect the reduction in revenue from the dedicated sales tax.
- (Four) staff reallocated to the Field Services Division.

**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	FY 2009 EXPENDITURE	FY 2010 APPROPRIATION	GOVERNOR RECOMMENDS FY 2011
Historic Preservation TOTAL	\$ 2,054,536	\$ 4,319,662	\$ 3,122,162
PERSONAL SERVICE			
Federal Funds	357,670	386,019	401,319
Other Funds	264,281	321,548	306,248
EXPENSE AND EQUIPMENT			
General Revenue Fund	42,000	0	0
Federal Funds	43,719	68,746	68,746
Other Funds	27,225	48,606	48,606
PROGRAM SPECIFIC DISTRIBUTION			
General Revenue Fund	873,000	1,697,500	500,000
Federal Funds	76,498	90,000	90,000
Other Funds	370,143	1,707,243	1,707,243
TOTAL			
General Revenue Fund	915,000	1,697,500	500,000
Federal Funds	477,887	544,765	560,065
Other Funds	661,649	2,077,397	2,062,097
Total Full-time Equivalent Employees	16.23	18.25	18.25
Federal Funds	9.37	10.61	10.61
Other Funds	6.86	7.64	7.64

The State Historic Preservation Office helps identify and preserve historic properties and cultural resources throughout the state, administers grants and loans to support preservation efforts, and provides technical assistance to taxpayers in qualifying for historic preservation tax credits.

Fiscal Year 2011 Governor's Recommendations

- (\$1,197,500) core reduction from the Fiscal Year 2010 appropriation level.

**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
AGENCY-WIDE IMPLEMENTATION**

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	FY 2009 EXPENDITURE	FY 2010 APPROPRIATION	GOVERNOR RECOMMENDS FY 2011
Homeland Security Federal Grants	\$ 190,466	\$ 0	\$ 0
Natural Resources Revolving Services Fund	2,896,815	3,344,744	3,126,244
Sales Tax Reimbursement to General Revenue	187,568	203,000	203,000
Petroleum Storage Tank Insurance Fund Board	1,424,553	2,291,351	2,291,351
Petroleum Storage Tank Insurance Fund Claims	18,718,041	19,000,000	19,000,000
Petroleum Related Activities	651,421	1,089,688	1,089,688
Minority Scholarships	28,975	0	0
Jobs Now Projects	0	1,000	1,000
Clarence Cannon Transfer	475,000	444,871	481,580
TOTAL	\$ 24,572,839	\$ 26,374,654	\$ 26,192,863
PERSONAL SERVICE			
Federal Funds	64,162	0	0
Other Funds	674,196	1,117,613	1,117,613
EXPENSE AND EQUIPMENT			
Federal Funds	51,767	0	0
Other Funds	6,926,852	6,856,170	6,537,670
PROGRAM SPECIFIC DISTRIBUTION			
General Revenue Fund	503,975	444,871	481,580
Federal Funds	74,537	1,000	1,000
Other Funds	16,277,350	17,955,000	18,055,000
TOTAL			
General Revenue Fund	503,975	444,871	481,580
Federal Funds	190,466	1,000	1,000
Other Funds	23,878,398	25,928,783	25,710,283
Total Full-time Equivalent Employees	17.87	18.20	18.20
Federal Funds	1.36	0.00	0.00
Other Funds	16.51	18.20	18.20

A number of issues are multi-faceted and require resources and expertise from several divisions within the Department of Natural Resources. To deal effectively with these issues, the department consolidated these operations agency wide.

Fiscal Year 2011 Governor's Recommendations

- \$36,709 for increased payments to the Corps of Engineers for engineering and maintaining Clarence Cannon Dam to secure local water supply storage capacity in Mark Twain Lake.
- (\$218,500) Natural Resources Revolving Services Fund reallocated to the Division of Energy.

**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND ENERGY RESOURCES AUTHORITY**

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	FY 2009 EXPENDITURE	FY 2010 APPROPRIATION	GOVERNOR RECOMMENDS FY 2011
Environmental Improvement and Energy Resources Agency TOTAL	\$ 0	\$ 1	\$ 1
PROGRAM SPECIFIC DISTRIBUTION			
Other Funds	0	1	1
Total Full-time Equivalent Employees	0.00	0.00	0.00

The Environmental Improvement and Energy Resources Authority, under Chapter 260, RSMo, is an independent, self-supporting, quasi-governmental agency assigned to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

Due to the special independent status as "a body corporate and politic," the authority is able to issue tax-exempt bonds and utilize fees charged for issuance of its bonds and notes. The authority is empowered to conduct environmental and energy research and development activities; develop alternative methods of financing environmental and energy projects; and assist Missouri communities, organizations, and businesses in obtaining low-cost funds and other financial assistance for projects related to the authority purpose.

Fiscal Year 2011 Governor's Recommendations

Continue funding at the current level.